



ABOUT

The Mayor's Arts Awards are the most prestigious honors conferred by the city on individual artists, teachers, nonprofit organizations and patrons of the arts. This year, the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities will present the 31st Annual Mayor's Arts Awards. Artists and Organizations will be recognized in six categories: Excellence in the Arts, Excellence in the Humanities Excellence in Creative Industries, Outstanding Student Award, Excellence in Arts Teaching, and Outstanding New Artist. Special Awards will be given to individuals and organizations, recognizing their outstanding support to DC arts, humanities and Creative Industries.

GUIDELINES

- The awards are limited to individuals who reside and nonprofit organizations that have administrative offices in the District of Columbia.
- Individuals and nonprofit organizations may self-nominate or be nominated for an award.
- Individuals and nonprofit organizations may be nominated in multiple award categories where appropriate.
- Separate applications are required for each nomination.
- All nominations must be submitted in DCCAH's Good Done Great (GDG) portal by Friday, May 6, 2016, 11:59PM (EST). (Please see link below.)

DEADLINE

Nominations must be submitted in Good Done Great (GDG) by Friday, May 6, 2016, 11:59PM (EST).

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must create an account on GDG to submit an award nomination. There is no cost for this. To do so, visit <https://www.gdg.do/prod1/portal/portal.jsp?c=4193775&p=6947885&g=6947905>. Please be advised that upon visiting the application portal link, you will see "Guide to Grants". Select "Sign Up Today" and proceed to the Mayor's Arts Award nomination application. Create a log in account and complete the nomination application.

CONTACT

For more information, please contact Ebony C. Brown, Special Events Manager at ebony.brown@dc.gov or JaKenna Martin, Special Events Associate jakenna.martin@dc.gov or (202) 724-5613.

AWARD CATEGORIES

* Artistic disciplines may include but are not limited to literary arts, visual arts, performing arts, film & media, craft and design, culinary arts, public art, craft and design, art and design concepts such as jewelry, furniture, ceramics, glass, wood, metal, textiles, graphics, animation design, theatre, costume design, lighting, sound, etc.

* The humanities may include but are not limited to literature, history, language, philosophy, anthropology, archeology, musicality, religion and social science.

MAYOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

Honors an individual or organization that has demonstrated a substantial history and high standard of artistic content, superior creativity and originality within a chosen discipline.

MAYOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE HUMANITIES

Honors an individual or organization that has made significant contributions in the humanities.

MAYOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Honors an individual, business, organization or group that has taken a leadership role in helping to develop the creative economy/culture in Washington DC whose core function is the production and/or distribution of art.

MAYOR'S OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Honors excellence among rising students in grades 6-12, highlighting progress and achievement in the arts. The honor promotes students to recognize their full potential through exceptional arts.

MAYOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS TEACHING

Honors an individual or organization for outstanding applications of imagination and creativity in a learning environment where teaching quality art is an essential part of their mission to its student population. The honor can include but is not limited to teachers in DC Public Schools and Public Charter Schools.

MAYOR'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING NEW ARTIST

Honors a promising individual artist or group of artists professionally engaged in their artistic career for less than 3 years who have demonstrated excellence in development and achieved distinction in an artistic discipline.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

WORK SAMPLES AND UPLOADS:

Provide a statement describing how and why the artistic content of the work sample best represents the nominee and/or the project. Describe how the artistic work delivers artistic excellence and achieves stated goals.

(Required)

WEBLINKS 1, 2 AND 3

(This is an optional route to enter clips from sites such as YouTube, Flickr, etc...)

(Placing a hyperlink in the weblinks also involves uploading a blank PDF, jpeg or other blanks document for the work sample requirement under “Source” below to fulfill that requirement. While weblinks are optional, an entry to the “Work Sample” drop down will create a complete application for the portal.

SOURCE:

RESUME(S) OF KEY PERSONNEL

(Required)

SUPPORT MATERIAL:

(Letters of support, press clippings, images, flyers, write ups, etc.)

(Required)

WORK SAMPLE:

(Provide work samples that reflect the nominee in the best light. i.e. if the nominee is a dancer, a photograph may not be the best work sample to justify the quality of artistic excellence. A video submission may be more suitable. However, the photograph could be uploaded as support material. Please submit a work sample no more than five years old)

OVERVIEW:

(Provide a statement describing the nominee’s mission, bio, artistic statement)

(Required)

REQUEST SUMMARY/SUPPORT NARRATIVE

(Provide a statement describing why the nominee is deserving of being honored in the selected award category)

(750 words)

(Required)

REQUEST:

CATEGORY

(Dropdown: i.e. Excellence in the Arts, Outstanding Student Award, Excellence in the Humanities)

(Required)

ARTIST TYPE

(Dropdown: i.e. poet, choreographer)

NOMINEE NAME

(Required)

NOMINEE EMAIL

(Required)

NOMINEE PHONE

(Required)

NOMINEE STREET ADDRESS 1

(Required)

NOMINEE STREET ADDRESS 2

NOMINEE CITY

(Required)

NOMINEE STATE

(Required)

NOMINEE ZIP CODE

(Required)